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3 April 45

I PW of 10 Btry, 506 Army AA Brigade

The Brigade consists of 2 Bn. the first of which was formed last November and sent to the Ruhr region in February. 2nd Bn is a new unit formed in the period between January and March 45 in Denmark (Trainings camp Oxbeel). March 17 it was sent to Buer. PW had lost contact with his unit on the way down from Denmark and does not know where the Brigade is at present.

Each Bn. has 1 HQ Btry, 4 light Btries, and 1 heavy Btry (the 5th and 10th.)
Each light Btry has 4 pltns with 6 multiple (3) barrel 20mm AA guns, 1 mg, several small bazookas and 30 men. The heavy Btries have 4 pltns each of which has 3 multiple(4) 20mm AA guns, 3 multiple(2) barrel 37mm AA guns, 1 mg and 35 men.

50 Steyr trucks, originally for personnel and instruments, had to act as prime movers as Bn motor pool of small tractors had not yet been assembled.

20 % of personnel are of foreign extraction and considered unreliable. CO of 10 Btry Capt. Hermann, of 2nd Bn. Capt Bachmann, of Brigade LtCol Heil. The troops are under trained. There are only a few old hands at the game. The Btries fired only against deep flying planes and troops.

PW describes a new radio, the Kenrad instrument, used for communications between Bn and Btries (both for voice and CW), with a range of 25 km. The Kenrad instrument comes from Prague and its poor functioning -- resistance burns easily -- is ascribed to sabotage during production.

Pw, having lost his Btry, joined as radio man the staff of 221 Aircorps AA Bn which has 3 Btries of 105 AA guns each, 2 of which moved with Bn CP last Saturday from RECKLINGHAUSEN to BOCHUM while a third Btry was ordered stay to the last, saw fire to the last round and then try to withdraw after blowing up the pieces.

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2 PW from 454 Trng Bn probably attached to 2nd Para Div.

454 Trng Bn consists of 3 Cos, each of which has approx. 100 men, 4 mg, 4 mp. The whole Bn is committed here.

Positions and locations:

1st Co 1st platoon from 573278 to 585277
 2nd platoon plus 1st squad 3rd platoon from 573278 to 563279
 Two other squads of third platoon are in reserve at 1st Co CP.

2nd Co Along canal W of 563279

Volkssturm Sauerland (company strength) Along canal E of 585277

3rd Co position unknown to PW. Might be in reserve.

1st Co CP in central building of mine S. of RR station 584273

1 mg approx 577277, on sand hill SE of chateau

CO Bn Capt Weber.

Our Arty fire all day yesterday (6 April) was inefficient as rounds fell 100 yards too far to rear.

The following information was obtained from various persons (deserters, miners, Volkssturm, Russians) having crossed the canal today or yesterday. Most of them crossed the canal by boat. Some of them used the sluices at 602278, passable for single men, and the remnants of the bridge at 595284 to pass the Emscher.

1 gun of unspecified caliber at 628244 (seen 6 April)

3 soldiers with small bazookas at 629286

3rd groups of 15 soldiers in Herne. A few soldiers in holes at 635286.

The sluice at 602278 is guarded by 5 Volkssturm Sauerland men.

RR bridge 553276 -- still passable -- guarded by para troops.

Mine at 552273 held by para unit. Part of para unit holding Colony Sundern was withdrawn yesterday night.

At 540271 2mgs and 2 small bazookas. The eight men crew is replaced every night at 2100 and sleeps in houses at 543277. RR bridge at 540271 is guarded by three men -- possibly only at night.

FO in tower in camp at about 534258.

Morale of men very poor. Knowing that the fight is hopeless ^{many} ~~they~~ do not intend to fight and would desert if the canal and the propaganda stories about American cruelty to PW were not in the way.